

## LETTERS FROM TOWNS IN TWO STATES

The Business and Social Life of Every Town and Settlement Reflected in These Columns.

## NEW LONDON COUNTY.

## OLD MYSTIC

Charles Q. Eldridge at New York Bank—Wedding Invitations—Death of Mrs. Joseph Wheeler.

Charles Q. Eldridge of Riverbank left Wednesday for New York to attend a meeting and banquet of the Renaissance County society at the Waldorf-Astoria, Wednesday evening, Feb. 2. As Mr. Eldridge spent on mercantile business in Housick Falls, N. Y., 25 years ago before making his home permanently in Old Mystic, he was resident of New York and Renaissance county years enough to entitle him to membership.

Relative and friends in the Mystic received invitations to the marriage of Miss Jessie Hewitt Chipman, only daughter of A. Elizabeth Chipman and Earnest Carlton Groton, on Tuesday, February 8, at 10 a. m., at Winnebago, Minn.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Baptist church met Wednesday evening with the president, Mrs. Oscar F. Crumb.

The Woman's Christian Temperance union met Friday afternoon with Mrs. Jane Dean.

Dr. and Mrs. Edwin C. Chipman of New London were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin F. Crumb.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Colver of Groton were calling Sunday on Mrs. Colver's sisters, Mrs. Caroline Turner and Mrs. Elizabeth Chipman.

Calvin Hoxie, Jr., is convalescing from a severe form of scarlet fever.

George Harvey of New London was a village caller Tuesday.

There is a slight improvement in the condition of Mrs. Clarence W. Beckwith of Smith street who has been seriously ill for the past two weeks.

Clarence Pickering of Ledyard was a local caller Tuesday.

Mrs. William P. Welles was a recent guest of friends in Groton borough.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Warren Wheeler of North Stonington visited Tuesday afternoon with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Urban Clark.

Jennie Frink has been spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. Clarence W. Beckwith.

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Miss Bacon has returned to Benning's Corners after a business trip to Auburn, N.

Improving His Purchase.

J. Brenton Copp, who early in the fall purchased the house and grounds in West Mystic long time known as the Middleton place, has changed the name to the Junior farm. Mr. Copp is making improvements to the house so that it will be suitable for an all-year-round residence. It is the oldest house in this part of the town of Groton.

Mrs. Joseph Wheeler's Death.

Mrs. Maria (Swan) Wheeler, widow of Joseph Wheeler of Whitehall, died Wednesday evening. She was 55 years of age and has been in a feeble condition for the few years but rapidly failed during the past two weeks until the end.

Mrs. Benjamin L. Mull of Noank was the guest Tuesday and Wednesday of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Edward Stapleton.

Mrs. Mary Ann Williams went Sunday for a month's stay with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. James Whipple of Center Groton.

Punctual Pupil Rewarded.

At the last session of the Baptist Sunday school, Friday evening, Earl Williams presented a Bible to Beatrice Clark, the four-years-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Clark, for attending every Sunday during the year 1909.

Clarence Pickering of Ledyard was a local caller Tuesday.

Mrs. William Harvey of Quakertown is very low from consumption.

William Shank of Ledyard was calling Tuesday on his son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John Williams Shank.

A. Yada Chipman of Winnebago, Minn., who was summoned east to attend the funeral of his mother, Mrs. Jane Elizabeth Chipman, left Sunday morning for his western home.

John Island of Housick is the guest of his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. William Halliday.

Alonso Mack of Housick Hill was a caller in the Mystics early in the week.

Stephen Larkin of Bennett's Corners is now employed in Westerly.

## ASHWILLETT

Possible Purchasers for the Late S. P. Eggleston's 1,000 Acres of Land.

Otto Anderson has filled his new ice-house with 12-inch ice. Mr. Anderson is planning to build a new house on his icehouse at the head of Maine's lake.

Several local residents attended a dance in Preston City Friday evening.

It is reported that W. W. Billings and family will move to Preston City, and it is also rumored that C. C. Maine and family will change their residence from Ashwillett to Westerly.

S. Curtis Eddy of South Lyme was recently in the place looking after the interests of the late S. P. Eggleston's estate, of which he is the administrator. The latter left nearly 1,000 acres of land in this locality and men are looking over the property with a view to purchasing.

A supper and entertainment for the benefit of the Bethel Methodist church was held Friday night.

There is no material change in the condition of Mrs. Samuel D. Pierce, who was stricken with a paralytic shock a week ago.

Arthur G. Billings of Natick, R. I., has been here arranging for the management of his large farm in Rixtown for the coming year.

W. E. Tolhurst and family have moved to Providence where Mr. Tolhurst is engaged in business.

## YAWBUX VALLEY.

## Personal Mention.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Thompson entertained Eugene Chapman and family of Westerly on Wednesday.

C. E. Chapman and family were callers at Edmund Burdick's Sunday.

James D. Miner and Irving Maine made a trip to New York Tuesday.

Mrs. Lillian Edgcomb and daughter have moved from New London back to their farm here.

Thomas Avery and wife of Groton were visitors at Charles Maine's on Wednesday.

Mr. Mann of Brooklyn, N. Y., has purchased a farm of John L. York.

Mrs. Chester S. Maine spent Wednesday with friends at Westerly.

James H. Davis of Ledyard was calling here Wednesday.

## MONTVILLE.

Rev. P. C. Wright Preaches at Baptist Church—Cantata Pleasingly Given.

Robert Paton of Norwich spent Sunday with his mother.

Mrs. Arabella Latimer was the guest of relatives in New London and Groton Thursday and Friday of last week.

Sermon by Rev. P. C. Wright.

Rev. P. C. Wright, pastor of the Central Baptist church, Norwich, delivered an able sermon at the Union Baptist church Tuesday evening on "Why Did Christ Die?" The male choir, assisted by the ladies' chorus, sang "He Will Hold the Past," and the full chorus sang "He Lifted Me." At the close of the sermon the young ladies sang "He Hides My Soul" fluted accompaniment. There was an attendance of 107. At the close of the service a social hour was much enjoyed.

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The cantata, "The Conquering Cross," was greatly enjoyed by an audience of 230. The young people showed much ability under the training of Mrs. Chappell. The six little girls who represented the chain of love were very pleasing. Miss Florence Chapman opened the meeting with songs and scripture readings. Prayer was offered by John Brown.

It is hoped that a small orchestra may be organized soon.

The Old Fellows voted at their meeting recently to attend services at the Union Baptist church Sunday, Feb. 6.

Rev. and Edwin S. Henry, Norman C. Allen and George C. Chappell, repair committee of the Union Baptist church, visited the Baptist and Methodist churches in Niantic Monday for the purpose of inspecting the metal ceiling and walls. They have decided to have the ceiling and walls when the repairs are made here.

The monthly meeting of the board of selectmen was held at the town hall Saturday.

## LEFFINGWELL

Measles Prevalent—Delegates to Sunday School Convention at Norwich.

Measles are prevalent in this and surrounding towns. Nearly all affected with this disease are children. Among those who have it are Roy Leffingwell, John Leffingwell and children of Norwich spent Sunday with Mrs. Mary Gray.

The Sushine band meets today (Saturday) at the home of Mrs. Mary Gray.

Among the congregation at the Baptist church Sunday were Mrs. M. Brooks, Mrs. L. Rogers, Mrs. J. W. Ward, Miss Gertrude Ward, Mrs. Geo. Sheldon, Mr. H. H. Palmer, Austin Rathbone, John Rathbone, Miss Geo. Browning and Rev. J. G. Ward.

Delegates to attend the Sunday school convention at the Central Baptist church, Feb. 8th, are Mrs. J. J. Ward, Miss Gertrude Ward, Mrs. Geo. Sheldon, Mr. H. H. Palmer, Austin Rathbone, John Rathbone, Miss Geo. Browning and Rev. J. G. Ward.

Miss May Bushnell of the Canterbury turnpike Sunday.

## WATERFORD.

Stone Cutters Shut Out—New Telephone Line—A \$200 Hen.

Walter B. Howard has returned to New London after a pleasant visit with friends in Waterford.

Mrs. H. W. Manuwering was in Waterford Tuesday, the guest of Mrs. Denison Hinkley.

Mrs. D. L. Driscoll was a caller on Mrs. W. L. Hinkley of Westerly Tuesday.

Miss Violeta Beckwith was the guest of Mrs. John H. Gallup on Friday.

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## GOSHEN.

Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Stark Entertained—Attended Funeral in Chicopee Falls.

There was a very pleasant afternoon party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Stark Saturday afternoon. Among the number present were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Taylor of Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Curry and daughter, Miss Ruth E. Curry, attended the funeral of Mrs. W. T. Curry, Sr., which was held on Sunday at Chicopee Falls, Mass.

John Pillar has purchased an automobile.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. McCall were visitors in the Hartford Wednesday.

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